

**United States District Court  
Eastern District of Missouri  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS BEGINS FOR NEW UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

Chief Judge Catherine D. Perry announced today that the Judicial Council of the Eighth Circuit and the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System have authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Audrey G. Fleissig to United States District Judge on June 11, 2010.

The full public notice for the magistrate judge position is posted in the office of the Clerk of the District Court at 111 South 10th St., Room 3.300, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and on the third floor in the court area of the Post Office Building, 801 Broadway, Hannibal, Missouri. It is also posted on the Court's website at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov).

According to Judge Perry, a Merit Selection Panel will be appointed later this summer to review the applications and recommend five candidates to the District Judges, who will select the new judge. Unlike many other judicial positions, this is a non-political appointment, and the process is governed by federal statute, 28 U.S.C. § 631, and by regulations adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Court is an equal opportunity employer, and an affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups.

Interested persons may contact Lori Miller-Taylor, Chief Deputy Clerk of the District Court, at the St. Louis address given above, telephone number (314) 244-7910, for further information and an application form. Application forms are also available on the Court's website at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov). All applications will be kept confidential.